

City of San Diego

Weekly Immigrant Affairs Update

Last week, the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) Executive Committee approved [five resolutions led by Mayor Todd Gloria](#). The resolutions prioritized homelessness, infrastructure, ending travel restrictions, and support for Afghan refugees.

The White House announced [Operation Allies Welcome](#), and directed the Department of Homeland Security to serve as the lead agency coordinating ongoing efforts across the federal government to resettle Afghans. The Inter-agency Unified Coordination Group will report directly to Secretary Mayorkas. Initiatives will include initial immigration processing, COVID-19 testing, isolation of COVID-positive individuals for anticipated quarantine, and processing at pre-designated U.S. military bases prior to being resettled into communities.

CITY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- The City of San Diego's **Office of Emergency Services (SDOES)** urges residents to take time during **National Preparedness Month** to review safety procedures at home and work to prepare for potential life-threatening situations, such as wildfires, earthquakes, major storms and floods. Resources are linked [here](#).
- Mayor Gloria is [partnering with Lady Gaga's 'Born This Way' Foundation on the #BeKind21 campaign](#) in the City of San Diego. The campaign encourages members of the public to **practice an act of kindness each day from September 1st to September 21st** to build kinder, more connected communities that foster mental wellness.
- Councilmember Moreno, Parks and Recreation, and the Human Resources Department are hosting a **virtual job fair for South Bay residents on Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021**. Youth ages 16 - 24 who would like to participate can [pre-register](#) now, and are encouraged to do so even if they're unable to attend so the City can contact them afterwards based on interest.

NEW DATA, REPORTS, & PODCASTS

- Kids In Need of Defense (KIND) [policy recommendations](#) for **Protecting Afghan Unaccompanied and Separated Children Arriving in the United States**.
- The State Department's [Afghanistan Inquiries](#) page includes **updated guidance for U.S. citizens and LPRs** who are still in Afghanistan.
- Resources from **California Department of Social Services: [Afghan Arrival Response](#)** website; [letter to County Welfare Departments](#) with information on arrival and resettlement of humanitarian parolees from Afghanistan and their eligibility for federal and state cash, food assistance, and other benefits and services; list of [nonprofits providing free legal services](#).
- **ORR fact sheets: [Special Immigrant Visa \(SIV\) Holders or SQ/SI Parolees from Afghanistan and Iraq](#)**, and [Benefits for Afghan and Iraqi SIV Holders](#).
- **Switchboard resources: [Supporting clients and staff affected by the crisis in Afghanistan](#)**, and [Round-up of resources for serving Afghan evacuees](#).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- The City of San Diego in partnership with The San Diego Foundation is pleased to provide the **Small Business and Nonprofit Relief Fund**. The deadline to apply is Friday, Sept. 24, 2021 by 5 p.m. See [here](#) and [here](#) for more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

- [Welcoming Week](#) is **September 10-19**, and [Citizenship Day/Constitution Day](#) is **September 17**.
- **September 13:** HIAS webinar, [TPS 101: Introduction to Assisting Haitians Applying for Temporary Protected Status](#)
- **September 14:** County of San Diego Partner Relay Initiative virtual [Emergency Preparedness & Public Health Training](#) for agencies serving multicultural, immigrant, and refugee communities
- **September 27 & 28:** [18th Annual Immigration Law and Policy Conference](#)

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